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Pinecrest Golf Course



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DID YOU KNOW:

In the Polish & Czech languages November is called Listopad which means 'the month of falling leaves'; In Irish, December is called Mí na Nollaig, meaning 'month of Christmas'; the Chinese floral emblem of January is the 'plum blossom'?



“The Best Kept Secret Inside the Beltway”

Club Championship

What has become an exciting annual event didn't fail to amaze and entertain again this year. The Pinecrest Club Championship was held Sunday, September 23rd. We had a very good turnout for this year's event—34 golfers.

The reigning club champion, William Miller, relinquished his crown to Hernani Torres. Hernani is a volunteer starter / marshal here at Pinecrest and it looks like his exposure to the course really paid off! Hernani took the championship with an 18-hole score of 74. Second place went to Joe Mollo with a 76. The four flight winners were: A—John McNerny, B—David Hallowell, C—David Houpe, and D—Don Flynn.

After the regular 18 holes, we also enjoyed a nine-hole shoot-out with the top 10 players participating. We played another nine-hole round with one player being eliminated at each hole.

Oddly enough, the shoot-out champion was also Hernani Torres. Runner-up in the shoot-out was Terry Ashe.



Pinecrest Women's Golf Association

The Pinecrest Monday Ladies League finished out their season at the end of October with their club tourney. Fran Watkins, club gross champion, led the pack with a 41; Suki Gentry was the runner up with a 45. The club net champion was Rita Figuro with a 27 followed by runner up Helen Crum with a 30. The league also held a luncheon for members and guests. The luncheon was held at the Springfield Country & Golf Club. Following lunch, prizes were given out to all members and a year-end meeting was then conducted.

As you may know, the league held a Rally for the Cure this past season and has decided to hold the event again next season. We'll have details on that in the future. Contact Kathy at the clubhouse to get info on this terrific program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REVENGE

Well, the maintenance staff finally had the chance to get back at all of us. The 2007 Superintendent's Revenge event was held on Halloween. There were many fun and outrageous costumes and the Super and staff put together an outstanding golf outing for members of all of our leagues.

The event was such a success, we've decided it should be an annual event. More on that will follow but be sure to ask around and check out the pictures in the photo albums to get an idea of what a good time everyone had!!

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If you have something you'd like to contribute to the Pinecrest Press, please see Kathy Frandanisa in the clubhouse.

Updates on the Course . . .

As you are all aware, we've been doing a lot of work around the course over the past few months. In addition to the Thursday spray days, we've aerated tees, greens and for the first time in years, fairways. The course looks great and we all appreciate your understanding that this maintenance is necessary in order to improve the already great course conditions.

So far our maintenance staff has enlarged the red tee at #6; it has also been seeded and will be ready for use by mid-April. A flower bed will go in at 6 tee by the steps as soon as the weather permits. We have cleared the overgrown brush around 6 green and have installed some new drainage but still need a little more before it gets seeded. We have planted extensive shrubs for beautification and for protection of Old Columbia Pike and new homes. There have also a number of small evergreens planted throughout the course.

There is a beautiful, new wall around the back of the lower dam on 8. It was designed and hand-built by Frank Northrop. Frank also built the new steps that have been installed on 6 tee. Great job, Frank! Thanks for all the hard work.

Spotlight On . . .

This issue our spotlight shines on Dave Borowski—one of our Sunday morning starters. Dave retired from the federal government in 2006 after 35 years in Information Technology. For the last five years of his career he was the webmaster for the Department of Treasury. Dave still designs websites and after joining the Pinecrest Men's League he and Steve Flynn, volunteer coordinator, discussed creating a website for the group. www.pinecrestmensleague.org was born. In addition to designing websites Dave is a freelance writer specializing in pieces on recreation in the Washington D.C. area. He also plays golf at, in his words, a very mediocre level. Thanks Dave for all you do for us at Pinecrest!!

Inclement Weather

Unfortunately the summer is over and we are working into the rainy / snowy season. We have already had a lot of frost delays and have been closed because of ice and snow. Please keep these delays in mind when you are making your tee times.

If there is frost on the tees and greens, the course will not be open until it clears. The heaviest frost is usually just as the sun is coming up. Typically, that's the coldest time of the day. Depending on a number of weather factors, the frost

could be quite heavy and the expected opening time will be later than normal. Pinecrest's frost delay policy is as follows: Anyone with a scheduled tee time will be allowed on the course before any walk-ons as soon as the course is open for play.